GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2007
INCIDENTS OF FIRE IN RUNNING TRAINS
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of fire in running trains reported during the last three years; and

(b) the precautionary steps being taken by the Railways to prevent such incidents ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a)& (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 178 BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.08.2007 REGARDING INCIDENTS OF FIRE IN RUNNING TRAINS.

(a) 36 cases of fire have been reported on running trains during the last three years

(b) Following precautionary steps are being taken by the Railways to prevent such incidents:-

1) Frequent drives are conducted against carrying of inflammable materials and dangerous goods in trains and cases are registered by the Railway protection Force under section 164 of the Railways Act. 678 persons were prosecuted in 2006 under this section.

2) Regular checks are conducted against smoking in trains and cases are registered by the Railway Protection Force under section 167 of the Railways Act. 95475 persons were prosecuted in 2006 under this section.

3) Railways is providing fire extinguishers under the charge of guard of rear Luggage-cum-Brake Van and Air Conditioned Coaches of passenger carrying trains for fire fighting in case of any incident. Fire extinguishers are also provided at various suitable locations in station premises and at vital installations.

4) Travelling public are being briefed / educated through public address system not to carry inflammable articles on trains.

5) Passenger awareness campaigns are being conducted to educate the travelling public.

6) All train escorting staff as well as station duty staff are briefed to inform the nearest fire service station whenever fire incidents are reported.